Law Enforcement Division Bi-Weekly Field Report 5/3/09 – 5/17/09

DISTRICT 1

CO Grant Emery and Sgt. Marc Pomroy conducted a marine patrol on the Cisco Chain of Lakes. Numerous boats were taking advantage of the early boundary water walleye season. Two subjects were ticketed for fishing without a license.

CO Doug Hermanson checked an angler on Huron Bay who was in possession of eight lake trout. The fish were confiscated and a ticket was issued for an over limit.

CO Mike McDonnell contacted several subjects camping and fishing along the shores of Goose Lake. It was soon determined that two of the subjects were fishing without licenses. There was also a ticket issued for taking fish out of season.

CO Mike McDonnell reported contacting a subject who was in possession of live bait where prohibited on Deer Lake. CO McDonnell met the angler as he returned to his vehicle while holding a fishing pole and an empty nightcrawler container. When questioned about the live bait, the subject replied that he was only picking up garbage he found along the lakeshore. It was pointed out that his hook was still baited with his last nightcrawler. A ticket was issued.

CO Grant Emery received several complaints from individuals fishing Lake Gogebic on the opening day of walleye season. The callers stated an individual was fishing from his dock and keeping an overlimit of undersized walleye. CO Emery contacted the subject as he was heading back out onto his dock to fish. CO Emery found the subject possessed five undersized walleye. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Grant Emery and Jason Wicklund patrolled Lake Gogebic the night before walleye season. With the temperatures at or below freezing and strong winds on the lake, activity was limited to mostly shore anglers. Two individuals were observed fishing an hour early and caught several walleyes while the COs watched. One walleye was already in the subject's refrigerator. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Dave Painter and Brian Bacon checked an angler coming in on the opening night of walleye season. A check of the subject's live well found an undersized lake trout. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon responded to the complaint of a truck that had become stuck on the power line near Norway. The operator had removed the license plate from the truck and damaged the VIN number. While checking the area, CO Bacon contacted an ORV operator who had chains and a high lift jack. It was found that he was the owner of the truck and was returning on his unregistered ORV to retrieve the truck. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon contacted a familiar angler fishing in the Groveland Mine Pond. CO Bacon remembered the subject had been issued a ticket in the same location last year. A check in LEIN revealed a warrant for his unpaid ticket and two other local warrants. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Painter responded to a complaint of a suspicious fire. The fire was located by the DNR spotter plane, and individuals were viewed trying to put the fire out with rakes and shovels. CO Painter contacted the subjects at the scene who denied being near the fire. When it was revealed that they were observed by the spotter plane, the group admitted to starting the fire and then trying to stop it from spreading. The fire burned nearly an acre, and burning was not permitted due to the high fire danger. Warrants are being sought.

COs Jason Niemi and Marv Gerlach contacted a subject on the Menominee River who had a few minor marine violations. They found it strange that he had a Michigan driver's license in his tackle box along with a wallet in his pants pocket. Further checking revealed that he was a non-resident who had obtained a Michigan driver's license for the sole purpose of buying resident hunting and fishing licenses. The investigation continues as it is determined how many licenses were purchased over the years. Restitution will then be sought for the money owed.

CO Marv Gerlach responded to a complaint of a subject who was observed attempting to shoot a turkey out his truck window. After a short interview, it was determined that the man's 17 year old son was the culprit and a warrant is being sought for the violation.

CO Trey Luce was first on the scene for an assault in progress complaint. Upon his arrival, the assailant fled into the woods. CO Luce was able to locate the subject a short time later and take him into custody.

CO Matt Eberly responded to a breaking and entering in progress at a house in Lake Linden. Upon arrival it was determined a black bear had broken and entered through a window while the owners were home. The bear had been residing in a neighboring basement of a vacant house. CO Eberly trapped the bear and released it many miles away.

CO Brett Gustafson responded to a complaint of someone burying a propane cylinder in a fire pit in the Porcupine Mountains. The cylinder exploded, injuring three kids. Other campsites are being checked for similar situations.

DISTRICT 2

CO John Wenzel responded to report of a fire that had escaped. Upon arrival, he observed the subject had been burning garbage on the ground without any type of cover screen. With the high winds and dry conditions, the fire escaping was inevitable. A ticket was issued.

COs Derek Miller and Jared Ferguson set up surveillance on a trout lake in northern Schoolcraft County. They watched three subjects pull out marijuana from a hiding place in their boat; they also believed that they were using live bait. When the subjects came to shore, the COs made contact and took action for various violations.

CO Kyle Publiski, working on tip from a lakeside resident, tracked down a described vehicle and its occupants at a local drinking establishment and ticketed two of the subjects for possessing pike and walleye in the closed season.

CO Gerald Thayer contacted a subject on an unlicensed ORV. He was the same person the CO had warned for the same violation a week earlier. In that earlier contact the subject had sworn he would license it before riding again.

CO Kevin Postma assisted local deputies with a complaint of a juvenile who had left school threatening to return with a firearm. CO Postma located and picked up the juvenile afoot along an area road and turned him over to authorities.

CO Kevin Postma responded to a car-killed moose complaint. Much of the moose was salvaged, processed and distributed through the Salvation Army.

DISTRICT 3

CO Andrea Erratt patrolled the Chandler Hills area responding to several camping and ORV complaints. CO Erratt ticketed ORV riders for operating without a helmet, unlicensed ORVs, and riding double. Those same individuals were warned for operating ORVs across country, in closed areas on state land, and recreational trespass. She handed out several camp card permits.

CO Andrea Erratt ticketed a man for burning without a permit on a day with high fire danger when the DNR was not issuing permits. He was illegally burning the remnants of an old deck when the fire got away from him and burned his woods.

CO Matt Theunick and Sgt. Greg Drogowski worked through Forest, Mineral, and Fire Management (FMFM) Division and conducted an "ORV Trail Field Day", posting "No ORV" signs on illegal trails, blocking illegal ORV trails, etc., that run off the legitimate ORV trail.

CO Andrea Erratt stopped two unlicensed ORVs that were being operated off private property. The father was on the lead ORV without a helmet and his 11 year old son was driving the second ORV. The man said he had just told his wife he hoped they did not see CO Erratt during their illegal trip. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Carl Vanderwall responded to an ORV accident several miles from his house. When he arrived, the victim showed severe head trauma and was not breathing. CO Vanderwall was just getting ready to start rescue breathing when the victim started on his own. The ambulance arrived shortly afterward.

While investigating a state land timber trespass complaint, CO Eric Bottorff's patrol unit was blocked in a dead end two-track trail by a mushroomer's vehicle. The mushroomers parked in the middle of the trail between several large trees. CO Bottorff waited for over an hour, and then issued a ticket for impeding a trail road on state land.

CO Eric Bottorff assisted a subject with locating his lost friends who were in a remote area of state land mushroom hunting. CO Bottorff found their footprints where they came out onto a trail road, then tracked them for several miles, changing directions at multiple intersections. The lost mushroomers were located just before dark, several miles away from their vehicle, which was in the other direction.

CO Richard Stowe received a complaint of a truck operating on the Cheboygan to Alpena rail trail, which had also damaged a gate on the trail. Wheeled-motor vehicle use on the trail is prohibited. CO Stowe matched up paint chips from the gate to paint marks on the truck while interviewing the operator. Warrants are being sought.

CO Richard Stowe responded to a complaint of a dead loon found on Long Lake. The bird was x-rayed and showed lead fragments and a bullet path. The investigation continues.

All area COs conducted assigned shifts on the Black River for sturgeon patrols, without incident. Many contacts have been made with anglers, campers, volunteers, etc., in the area. Enforcement action has been taken on unrelated illegal activities in the area including ORV, camping, and fishing violations.

DISTRICT 4

CO Sam Koscinski observed two anglers fishing a local trout stream in Wexford County. The CO observed them catch numerous trout, and when contacted, one of the subjects had nine trout over the limit and the second subject had two undersized trout. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jair Kollasch was patrolling near the Manistee County line in Wexford County when he observed a "mule" type vehicle being operated in a closed area on state land. When the occupants observed the CO, the driver switched positions with the passenger. Upon contacting the occupants, it was learned that the original driver had a suspended driver's license and the passenger had two outstanding warrants. The driver was ticketed for operating in a closed area and the passenger was lodged in the Wexford County jail.

CO Jair Kollasch responded to the location of an ORV accident in Wexford County. The female operator was operating with a suspended driver's license and trespassing. The female operator was ticketed for ORV trespass and transported to the hospital in Cadillac.

CO Jair Kollasch responded to a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint in Wexford County regarding a subject burning construction materials in a pit. The subject was ticketed for Illegal disposal of solid waste.

CO Diane Drogowski was patrolling Grand Traverse County for turkey hunters when she located a pile of "freshly" dumped trash. CO Drogowski located several items with a name and address of who might be responsible. The CO contacted a subject whose name was found in the litter, who at first stated he didn't know how the trash got there. But after further conversation he admitted that he had just split from his girlfriend and that he and his brother dumped the trash.

CO Diane Drogowski observed three anglers for 20 minutes at Arbutus Lake in Grand Traverse County. When the CO contacted the three subjects they stated they were not fishing, and were only helping the children. But when CO Drogowski advised she had observed them for some time and the children were fishing by themselves further down the lakeshore no where near the adults, they finally admitted to fishing. Two subjects were ticketed for fishing without licenses and the third subject had an outstanding warrant and was lodged in the Grand Traverse County jail.

On a second visit to Lake Arbutus, CO Diane Drogowski observed two adults and a juvenile catching bluegills. Upon contacting the group it was determined that the adults did not have fishing licenses. One subject was ticketed for fishing with a license and lodged in the Grand Traverse County jail on three outstanding warrants.

CO Diane Drogowski contacted two subjects riding an ORV while mushrooming in Grand Traverse County. Several violations were noted including riding double, operating in a closed area, operating on a public utility right of way, no helmets and unregistered ORV. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Diane Drogowski responded to a complaint of an intoxicated subject bothering other campers at a local Grand Traverse County campground. The complainants stated they were also missing a bottle of alcohol from their site. The CO located the subject sleeping at a nearby campsite. CO Drogowski also determined that the campsite was unregistered. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Carolyn Dice received a complaint that there were persons fishing the flies-only section of the Pere Marquette River in Lake County using live bait. CO Dice responded and found two persons fishing with nightcrawlers. The anglers informed CO Dice that they were fishing the location based on a recommendation from a local resident. However, they could not come up with an explanation as to why they were fishing on private property next to a "No Trespassing" sign.

CO Brian Brosky was checking anglers on Hamlin Lake Middle Bayou in Mason County when he observed an angler look over at him and then immediately pack up and start rowing away. CO Brosky caught up with the person before he got to his dock and saw that he had a bucket half full of panfish. When asked about his success so far, the

angler stated he believed he had caught about 30 fish. After 47 bluegill and sunfish were counted from the bucket, the angler admitted that his estimate may have been a little off. A ticket was issued for possessing an overlimit of panfish.

CO Jim Espinoza responded to a report of a person illegally burning in an open pit. CO Espinoza located the burn pit and found that the person responsible for the fire was attempting to burn the insulation off of wire that he was planning to sell as scrap. A ticket was issued.

CO Mike Bomay received a complaint of bear carcasses being dumped on state land in Mecosta County. When the carcasses were located they turned out to be hog carcasses.

CO Mike Wells contacted a subject who had been fishing the White River in Newaygo County. As they were walking back to the subject's vehicle to check his fishing license, the CO asked him if he had caught anything. The subject stated that he had caught only small ones, no keepers. But CO Wells saw that the subject's cloth creel was wet and that there was a white plastic bag inside. The CO then asked again if the subject had caught anything and asked if he could look in the creel. The subject admitted to having some fish, and Officer Wells found six undersized brook trout that had been gutted and the heads cut off. The subject was ticketed for the mutilated fish and verbal warnings given for the overlimit and undersized fish.

CO Diane Drogowski reports the final disposition of a case in Grand Traverse County involving two college students who were charged with killing a mourning dove with a blow dart gun. The two subjects paid a total of \$260 in fines and costs, and lost their hunting privileges for the remainder of 2009 and all of 2010.

CO Diane Drogowski had just finished checking turkey hunters in Grand Traverse County when the hunters asked if she would be interested in knowing where there was a camp that had dune buggies and ORVs. The hunters provided directions to an area that the CO was aware of, and where illegal ORV operation had occurred in the past. CO Drogowski located the camp and it was evident from the tracks in the area that the dune buggies and ORVs had been operated in the ponds and wetland area. The CO contacted five subjects at the camp and they admitted that they had been operating in the ponds and one of the vehicles had gotten stuck. Four subjects were ticketed for the illegal operation and verbal warnings were given for the litter observed around the camp and for a couch that was burning at the camp.

DISTRICT 5

CO Chuck McPherson was called to assist with a capsized boat on Higgins Lake. The boat was overturned due to wind and waves. Two adults and one juvenile abandoned the boat and were able to safely reach an island where they entered a seasonal home to call for help. CO McPherson retrieved the subjects and their boat.

CO Chuck McPherson located an adult and two juveniles who became lost and ran out of gas while riding their ORVs. The search effort went on for several hours because the subjects did not have a map of the trails and provided an inaccurate description of their approximate location. The subjects were actually found to be in a different county than what they had reported.

CO Bobbi Bashore and an officer with the US Forest Service (USFS) were guided into a wildfire on public land. They located the remnants of a campsite where the fire had started at a fire pit. Their investigation led them to a vehicle owner who indicated his sons had been up in the area camping. An interview of the campers resulted in a confession that they had been camping and left the fire unattended and it had escaped.

CO John Huspen located several subjects who were fishing on a designated trout lake without an all species fishing license. The subjects admitted to having seen the sign regarding the special fishing license requirement and special fishing regulations, but they decided to fish anyway.

CO Mike Hearn was first on the scene of an ORV personal injury accident where the operator had hit a root and lost control of his ORV. He was airlifted to the hospital.

CO Mike Hearn attempted to stop several ORVs being operated illegally on a closed area of state land. All of the subjects reached a county road and fled from Officer Hearn. One operator lost control of his motorcycle at a corner and CO Hearn was able to arrest the subject. Warrants for felony flee and elude have been sought for the other operators who were identified by the arrested subject.

CO Bobbi Bashore made several arrests for fishing with bait in the "flies only" quality trout waters of the Au Sable River.

CO Bobbi Bashore responded to a trespass complaint where neighbors had been running their ORV on the complainant's property and had been asked to stop. CO Bashore located improperly tagged traps on the property and followed the ORV tracks to the neighbor's property where she observed deer feed and untagged deer carcasses. The investigation continues.

CO Joel Lundberg was contacted by a trooper with the Michigan State Police (MSP) with information regarding an angler fishing without a license. CO Lundberg checked the lake and found the angler did have a license; however, he did not have any PFDs on board and was operating an unregistered boat. The subject also had warrants out for his arrest.

CO Brian Olsen responded to a complaint of an angler trespassing on a lake. CO Olsen located the subject and determined he was not trespassing; however, he did have a cooler full of fish that he had caught without a fishing license.

CO Brian Olsen responded to a complaint of shots having been fired. Officer Olsen located several individuals shooting skeet and found one of them to be in possession of a protected songbird that he had shot. The subject confessed to shooting the bird and received a ticket for possession of a protected bird.

Sgt. Glenn Gutierrez received a complaint from a frantic individual whose 14 year old brother had gotten separated from the group on his ORV and had been missing for several hours. Sgt. Gutierrez coordinated search and rescue efforts with local law enforcement officers and the child was located and returned to his brother unharmed.

DISTRICT 6

CO Jay Person received a complaint of dirt bikes and other ORVs tearing up the roads on state land. When the CO arrived he observed two dirt bikes heading toward him in a closed area. The CO activated his emergency lights but both drivers took off at a high rate of speed in the other direction, spraying the CO's windshield with mud and rocks. The CO pursued the dirt bikes for about 1/4 of a mile until the road got too bad to travel on. The CO then drove around and found a vehicle and trailer that was stuck in the mud with no one around. Through the investigation the CO came up with a name from the vehicle and it turned out that it belonged to one of ORV operators. The officer tracked down the individuals he observed and tickets were issued.

CO Chad Foerster investigated a captive cervidae facility that was not in compliance with the 10 foot fencing regulation and did not have a current license. The owner was given two months to comply with the law. Due to the fact that the owner had not contacted Wildlife Division, CO Foerster stopped by for an inspection. All of the deer were still in the facility and the fence was not corrected. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Lowell was checking camps on state land and located a group that did not have a camp card posted. Upon contact with the subjects the CO observed empty bottles of alcohol near the tent. The CO collected identification from all subjects and found all were under 21 years old. A computer check led to an arrest warrant for one young man and the confiscation of the alcohol that they could not posses as minors.

CO Nick Atkin was on patrol when he observed the operator of an ORV driving down the road without a helmet or an ORV license. As the CO drove next to the ORV, the operator raised his foaming glass at the CO. The CO asked the operator what was in the clear glass. The operator stated "beer." The operator was stopped and enforcement action was taken.

CO Holly Pennoni investigated a baiting complaint involving a 70 year old woman. A warning was given to the woman, who told CO Pennoni that she just enjoyed watching the deer come in. A family member of the woman agreed to remove the large pile of rotted sugar beets.

CO Scott Brown assisted local law enforcement with an individual who had barricaded himself inside his house and was threatening suicide. CO Brown provided back up support and acted as a roadblock on M-19 in case the suicidal subject decided to leave by vehicle from his residence. The subject was eventually taken into custody by local deputies.

CO Seth Rhodea contacted two anglers fishing on the pier in Port Sanilac. When the subjects were asked for their fishing licenses, neither was able to produce a license. One angler said that he did not have a license and the other said that he had one but it was at his cabin. Upon running a computer check of both subjects, it showed that the anglers had not purchased fishing licenses in several years. Both subjects were issued tickets for fishing without a license.

CO Jason Smith received a complaint of two subjects trespassing on private property riding ORVs. CO Smith located the subjects, who appeared to be looking for mushrooms, but when the subjects saw CO Smith, they fled the area on railroad tracks adjacent to the property. After following the ORV tracks for several miles into the bordering county, CO Smith was able to make contact with both subjects. The subjects were in violation of recreational trespass, railroad trespass, operating an unregistered ORV on the roadway, and with a suspended driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking the Pinnebog River at the Port Crescent State Park, CO Bob Hobkirk observed two individuals fishing on the opposite side of the river. Both individuals were casting lures and between them was a stringer with a number of fish. CO Hobkirk worked his way around to where the subjects were and found them to be in possession of eight smallmouth bass that were not in season. One of the anglers admitted to catching six of the bass while the other angler hadn't purchased a fishing license for the current year. A few of the bass they kept were also undersized. Both subjects were ticketed for possessing bass during the catch and release only season.

While checking anglers at the mouth of the Pinnebog River, CO Bob Hobkirk observed three individuals fishing for bass. As CO Hobkirk watched the subjects from a distance, one individual went to a pool of water and began to retrieve fish and put them back into the river. In total he put four bass back into the river. Upon checking the angler, his explanation was that they were just messing around and did not plan on keeping the fish. CO Hobkirk explained the concept of catch and release and ticketed the subject for fishing with no license.

DISTRICT 7

CO Patrick McManus observed a subject with a gaff hook wading along Bear Creek in Allegan County. The subject stopped to call turkeys but had no gun with him at the time. CO McManus eventually contacted the subject and ticketed him for possession of the gaff along a trout stream.

COs Patrick McManus, Chuck Towns and Mike Mshar worked the Black River at Holland for anglers targeting spawning white bass. Enforcement action was taken on overlimits including one subject with 71 fish and another with 21 fish. Tickets were also written for retaining foul hooked fish.

CO Mike Mshar ticketed a subject for overlimit and snagging panfish at Swan Lake. He ticketed the same subject last year on the same day at the same location.

CO Mike Mshar responded to a trespass complaint involving a turkey hunter. He located the hunter who had just taken a turkey after trespassing on two properties. Enforcement action was taken against the hunter who has four prior convictions.

COs Jeff Rabbers and Patrick McManus worked together to apprehend and ticket subjects running ORVs illegally in the Barry State Game Area and nearby commercial forest lands in Barry County. Working with landowners and game area staff, additional lands have been marked to reduce illegal ORV activity.

CO Jeff Rabbers had just cleared a marine patrol on Gun Lake when a subject took off running after spotting the patrol truck. CO Rabbers apprehended the subject after a short foot chase and it was determined he was fishing without a license and was wanted on three outstanding warrants.

CO Gary Raak contacted two subjects camping near Daggett Lake one evening. Upon investigation he located two stringers with 13 bass near a boat. After questioning the subjects, he issued tickets for possessing bass during the closed season and possession of over limits.

CO Gary Raak conducted investigations into two young subjects who had hauled away a trailer load of construction debris hoping to be paid with three mini-bikes. CO Raak located the trash dumped in the game area and ticketed the haulers for illegal disposal of solid waste.

CO Chris Holmes worked a turkey hunting complaint where subjects fired at a turkey from the roadway, striking a home and spraying the kids' play area with pellets. COs Holmes and Paul Higashi began to search the area for a specific vehicle and alerted area law enforcement agencies in Kalamazoo County with a vehicle description. Within days the vehicle was located and several juveniles were found to be involved in the incident. CO Holmes has identified twelve law violations as having occurred and has submitted reports to the Kalamazoo County juvenile court.

DISTRICT 8

CO Damon Owens assisted park personnel with a mudder truck stuck in a wetland on state park land. The vehicle was stuck up to the axels in mud and was left abandoned. The vehicle was towed and the owner was identified. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Bigger worked several marine patrols and found subjects to be in violation of the registration and PFD laws. CO Bigger also checked a subject in possession of a bass out of season. Enforcement action was taken in all instances.

CO Shane Webster received a complaint that a gill net had been set in a local inland lake and it had caught several fish and turtles. Upon investigation CO Webster found a short piece of plastic fencing hung from the owner's dock to keep weeds and algae away from the rocks. No fish or turtles were caught in the fencing and no harm was done to any aquatic species.

While returning from the district pistol shoot, COs Jeff Goss and Kyle Bader encountered a vehicle that was driving erratically on the highway. The Potterville Police Department assisted at the scene and the operator blew a .26 on the preliminary breath test device, which is over twice the legal limit for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

Sgt. Arthur Green responded to a complaint from the Detroit Police Department (DPD) of a deer in the street in a residential area of the city. As Sgt. Green arrived at the location, a DPD car called out a foot chase for a driver of a stolen mini van two blocks away. Sgt. Green responded and assisted with arresting the subject. Sgt. Green returned to the original call and with the assistance of DPD, tracked the deer as it jumped fences and crossed yards and streets for five blocks. The deer was dispatched, and as Sgt. Green was leaving the area, received another call to meet a man who would point out a deer in the back yard. Sgt Green returned to the area and they found a second deer. Both deer were dispatched due to the close proximity to the busy streets and public safety concerns.

Acting on information of an illegal fishing charter, CO Danny Walzak contacted a subject coming off of the Detroit River who matched the description of the alleged offender. At first the boat owner denied accepting pay from his two passengers. CO Walzak first interviewed the two passengers and then turned to the boat owner. The owner ultimately admitted to taking payment for the charter while knowing that his vessel was not inspected and not licensed as a charter boat. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Danny Walzak was checking an angler coming off the Detroit River and found him with a limit of 25 white bass. The angler told CO Walzak that he had been out since early morning but the fish were biting so good that he actually had his limit within 15 minutes. Having fun, he kept on fishing, reeling them in and throwing them back. He said that he also kept count of his total catch with a counter that he took along. In just a few hours he caught 403 fish.

While CO Brandon Kieft was checking an angler on a northern Oakland County lake, he observed the angler was in possession of two largemouth bass during the catch and release only season. When the angler was unable to provide a fishing license or other

identification, CO Kieft attempted to run his information over the radio. After comparing the physical description of the angler to the information of the subject he provided, it was obvious the angler had given the CO false information. CO Kieft determined the name and date of birth provided by the angler was actually his brother's information. Once the correct information was obtained, it was found that the subject had two outstanding warrants for his arrest and no fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel used surveillance cameras to watch an angler catch gobies to use as bait. The angler would catch a goby then throw it on the ground; he would look around to see if he was being watched then hook it onto another pole and cast that out to fish for walleye. He was issued a ticket for using gobies as bait.

CO Todd Szyska observed a subject who was fishing at the Hall Road access site. When he saw CO Szyska walking toward him, he threw his pole in the bushes. CO Szyska retrieved it and enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Tom Wanless issued a ticket to a subject who attempted to register a bobcat in May. The subject stated he shot the bobcat in mid-January.

CO Mark Papineau responded to a complaint in Port Huron of a subject who shot a grey squirrel (black phase) out of season in his back yard. The complainant stated his four year old granddaughter was playing in the area at the time of the incident. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Papineau responded to a complaint of a subject who shot a Canada goose gosling with a pellet gun. The subject stated he was only trying to scare the birds off his property. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Papineau reports that a subject he caught in firearm deer season 2008 taking a buck and a doe while using someone else's licenses was sentenced. After reviewing the report, the judge was so appalled with what the subject did that he ordered \$2000 in fines, \$2000 in restitution, 4 years hunting licenses revocation, condemnation of the firearm, nine months probation and a minimum of 30 days in the Genesee County Jail.

COs Linda Scheidler and Mark Papineau conducted a patrol on Mott Lake. Several anglers in boats and on shore were surprised to see the COs. Tickets were issued for possessing bass out of season and undersized walleye.

CO John Borkovich responded to a complaint of a subject shooting songbirds. When the CO contacted the subject, he found that the subject shot 14 non-game birds including finches, cardinals, and orioles. The subject was also a convicted felon in possession of firearms and a convicted sex offender who was living within 1000 feet of an elementary school. Enforcement action was taken and follow up will be done on the school zone violation.

While checking anglers at Belanger Park on the Detroit River, Sgt. Arthur Green observed a group of anglers quickly leaving the shore on the opposite end of the fishing area. Sgt. Green returned to his vehicle and met the group of four in the parking lot as they were loading a large container and fishing poles into their vehicle. All subjects had fishing licenses and when asked how many fish they caught, they showed two plastic storage containers which were ¾ full of white bass. One angler still had 16 fish on a stringer and he immediately said "somebody gave those to us". One angler and his young son claimed one container that had 50 fish. The other two anglers ended up with 29 fish over the legal limit. One ticket was issued for 13 over limit and one was issued a ticket for 16 over limit.

CO Brandon Kieft had a court case where the subject entered a guilty plea of taking too many antlered deer. The subject was assessed fines and costs as well as the \$1000 restitution and the three plus years of license revocation.

CO Ben Shively received a complaint and returned to a residence where the homeowner was ticketed in February for recreational feeding. CO Shively located shelled corn placed in the yard in the same location as before. Upon contacting the subject and issuing a second ticket the individual pleaded that he couldn't afford the \$500 fine the judge told him he would receive if caught again. The subject stated he was feeding the geese but when the deer tracks were pointed out the subject had no response.

CO Ben Shively received a RAP complaint from an individual who witnessed their neighbor shoot a Canada goose along the shore of Tull Lake in Oakland County and place it into a bag. CO Shively contacted the subject at his residence who at first denied shooting or even knowing anything about a goose. After ten minutes of interviewing, the subject provided a written confession and produced the gun he shot the goose with. The subject then drove CO Shively to a location seven miles away where the goose was dumped in a swamp. A warrant is being sought for taking waterfowl during the closed season.

CO Kris Kiel received a tip that two anglers were taking overlimits of walleye. The two had told other anglers that they had done very well that morning, catching their limit of walleye, and had returned to catch more. CO Kiel arrived at the location and watched their vehicle until they returned in their boat to the launch. Upon contact, the two were in possession of 12 walleye. CO Kiel interviewed the two separately and they admitted to catching 12 walleye earlier that day then took them home and returned to catch 12 more. CO Kiel followed them home and retrieved the other 12 walleye from a garbage bag located in the refrigerator in the garage. The second 12 walleye weighed 32 pounds. Tickets were written for possessing an over limit of walleye and restitution will be sought.

CO Kris Kiel received a RAP complaint of a subject keeping a largemouth bass during the closed season and hiding it in the car. The complainant gave a good description of the subject and the vehicle. Upon arrival, CO Kiel located a person who fit the description that was given and asked the angler if she had caught anything. She replied, "Only a cold." CO Kiel then asked to see her fishing license. She said that her license was in her purse, in the car, and told him to stay there while she went to get it. CO Kiel followed her to her vehicle and observed water splashed all over the side window and the back seat of the vehicle. Located inside the car was a bucket that had 23 pan fish and a four pound largemouth bass. A ticket was issued for possession of a largemouth bass during the closed season and restitution will be sought.

CO Kris Kiel received a complaint from the booth attendant at the Harley Ensign DNR access site. She had gotten a tip from an anonymous subject that people were keeping largemouth bass. CO Kiel arrived and found two subjects with five largemouth bass; three of which were undersized. Checking more anglers, CO Kiel found two more subjects with two largemouth bass. Four tickets were written for possession of largemouth bass during the closed season and restitution will be sought.

CO Kris Kiel wrote tickets to two subjects for fishing without a license after he watched with binoculars as they fished. When CO Kiel approached them, they said that they were just out walking around looking for lures that may have washed ashore. CO Kiel found their poles hidden in the broken concrete near the water's edge.